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## STATED MEETING, MARCH 15, 1842.

DR. MCMURTRIE in the Chair.

## DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

Vertebra of a Shark from New Egypt, N. Jersey, and a specimen of *Exogyra costata*, from Woodward's farm, N. Jersey. Presented by Dr. Chaloner.

## DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

Fourth Report of the Geological Survey of New Brunswick, by Abraham Gesner, M. D. From the Author.

Boston Journal of Natural History. Vol. 4th, No. 1. From the Society.

Three Pamphlets by Dr. Morton, containing his description of some new species of Organic Remains of the Cretaceous Group of the United States; Remarks on the so-called Pigmy race of the Valley of the Mississippi, and Remarks on the ancient Peruvian race. Presented by the Author.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION.—Dr. Morton read a letter from Mrs. Lucy W. Say, dated March 14th, 1842, acknowledging the receipt of her notice of election as a life member of the Academy.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS.—Dr. Goddard stated that he had successfully repeated an improvement in M. Daguerre's process, by which an instantaneous impression of the object may be taken; consisting in applying a spark of electricity to the back of the plate. The positive spark appeared to be more effectual than the negative.